

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

2/19/02

Inventor: McCarthy, et al.

Examiner: E. Cain

Serial No: Div. of 09/396,106

Art Unit: 1714

Filed:

September 14, 1999

For:

Highly Stable Packaging

Substrates

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Mr. Cain:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all pending claims and add the following claims addressing subject matter that was subject to a restriction requirement in application serial number 09/396,106:

1 35 28.

(Added) A precursor of the formula:

$$(X)_{y}$$

$$(X)_{y}$$

$$(X)_{y'}$$

$$(E)_{n}$$

wherein X is a halogen, E is an silane or siloxane, n=1-4, y=0-3, y'=0-3 whereby y+y'>0, m=1-10, and p=0-3.